

Biographical Information

Harry P. Ward, M.D., served as Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences from 1979 to October 2000. UAMS is the state's only comprehensive academic health sciences center and is part of the University of Arkansas System.

A magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Ward received his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver and a Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Before coming to Arkansas and UAMS in 1979, he served as dean of the School of Medicine from 1972 to 1978 and as acting chancellor at the University of Colorado Medical Center from 1974 to 1976.

Dr. Ward has served on many regional and national boards. He served as chairman of the board of the Association of Academic Health Centers, a nonprofit organization of more than 100 Academic Health Centers in the United States and Canada in 1994. He has been active in a variety of community and state activities including the United Way of Pulaski County, the March of Dimes, Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled and Future-Little Rock. He has served on many Governor's committees including the Arkansas Health Resources Commission and the Health Care Access Council. He was a cofounder of the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, the Jones Eye Research Institute, and the Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging.

During his career, Dr. Ward has received numerous honors including an honorary doctor of science degree from Kaohsiung Medical College in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; the Business and Professional Leadership of the Year Award from the Rotary Club of Little Rock; the Minority Education Award from the Student Medical Association, Region III; the Alumni Leader of the Year Award from the Class of '55 of Princeton University; the William F. Rector Memorial Award for distinguished civic achievement; the Tradition of Caring Award from the Visiting Nurse Association of Arkansas; the 1997 Citizen of the Year Award from the March of Dimes; the first Arkansan-of-the-Year Award by the Arkansas Times, 1998; the 2000 Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Hospital Association; the Dale Bumpers AHEC Leadership Award 2000; and, the Man of the Year Award by the Arkansas Kidney Foundation in 2000.

The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees adopted a special resolution to honor Dr. Ward for his leadership on the occasion of dedicating the new clinical tower of University Hospital on October 21, 1997. The resolution cited his role in reshaping the campus through new academic, research, and clinical programs and for implementing a vigorous building campaign on campus—including the tower. To honor him, the trustees named the new facility the Harry P. Ward Tower. He was appointed Chancellor Emeritus by the Board of Trustees in November 2000.

Dr. Ward and his wife, Betty Jo, have five children.